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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS PFOR ASEC SF

SUBJ: VANDALISM OF FSO'S VEHICLE

1. UPON RETURN TO PRETORIA AFTER TWO MONTH TDY FSO RICHARD BALTIMORE FOUND THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE POUND OF SUGAR HAD BEEN PUT INTO THE GAS TANK OF HIS CAR. RESULTING DAMAGE (\$100.) WAS LIMITED BY RELATIVELY LARGE AMOUNT OF SUGAR AND LOW FUEL LEVEL. THE SUGAR SOLIDIFIED AND BLOCKED THE FUEL PUMP. CAR WAS IN AN OPEN CAR PORT AT HIS RESIDENCE AND DID NOT HAVE A LOCKABLE GAS CAP.

2. POSSIBLE REASONS FOR VANDALISM: (A) AIMED AT ANY FOREIGN DIPLOMAT; (B) IF VANDALS WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR DIPLOMATIC PLATES, AIMED AT A U.S. DIPLOMAT; (C) AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT BALTIMORE; (D) AIMED AT A BLACK LIVING IN A WHITE RESIDENTIAL AREA; OR (E) NO SPECIFIC TARGETING INVOLVED IN INCIDENT, WITH BALTIMORE'S CAR BEING THE FIRST TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY WITHOUT A LOCKED GAS CAP.

3. POLICE WERE UNABLE TO THROW ANY LIGHT ON THE PROBLEM AS IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHEN
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DURING BALTIMORE'S TWO MONTH ABSENCE THE INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED, IN ADDITION TO WHICH THE CAR HAD BEEN WASHED REGULARLY BY THE GARDENER THUS ERASING ANY FINGERPRINTS. HOWEVER, THE USE OF SUGAR IN THE TANK IS UNCOMMON IN SOUTH AFRICA.

4. ACTION TAKEN: (A) CAR NOW HAS LOCKABLE GAS CAP AND

IS KEPT IN A CLOSED GARAGE. (B) THE RESIDENCE HAS BEEN
EQUIPPED WITH AN INTRUSION ALARM CONNECTED TO A LOUD
BELL. (C) FOR REASONS UNCONNECTED WITH INCIDENT,
BALTIMORE WILL BE MOVING INTO A NEW RESIDENCE UPON
HIS RETURN TO POST.

5. PRESS COVERAGE: INCIDENT RECEIVED LIMITED COVERAGE
IN LOCAL PRESS IDENTIFYING BALTIMORE BUT NOT HIS
ADDRESS. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES TO FOLLOW.
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